

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A method comprising:
specifying at least one desired portion of a multimedia presentation; and
creating an annotation file for the multimedia presentation, the annotation file containing at least one pointer corresponding to the at least one desired portion of the multimedia presentation.
2. The method of claim 1 further comprising:
creating a recorded program file of the multimedia presentation;
playing the recorded program file on a viewing system; and
accessing the annotation file such that only the at least one desired portion of the multimedia presentation is displayed by the viewing system.
3. The method of claim 1, wherein specifying at least one desired portion of a multimedia presentation includes applying a predetermined set of criteria to the multimedia presentation.
4. The method of claim 3, wherein the predetermined set of criteria are based upon a preference of an individual viewer.
5. The method of claim 1, wherein the annotation file further contains:
information related to the at least one desired portion of the multimedia presentation.
6. A method comprising:
broadcasting an event;
specifying at least one desired portion of the event;

creating an annotation file for the event, the annotation file containing at least one pointer, the at least one pointer corresponding to the at least one desired portion of the event; and

transmitting the annotation file to a viewing system, the annotation file causing the viewing system to display only the at least one desired portion of the event.

7. The method of claim 6, wherein the annotation file is transmitted subsequent to the event.

8. A machine-readable medium containing instructions which, when executed by a processor, cause the processor to perform a method, the method comprising:

creating an annotation file for a multimedia presentation, the annotation file containing at least one pointer corresponding to at least one desired portion of the multimedia presentation; and

accessing the annotation file such that only the at least one desired portion of the multimedia presentation is displayed by a viewing system.

9. The machine-readable medium of claim 8, wherein the multimedia is stored as a recorded program file.

10. The machine-readable medium of claim 8, wherein specifying at least one desired portion of a multimedia presentation includes applying a predetermined set of criteria to the multimedia presentation.

11. The machine-readable medium of claim 10, wherein the predetermined set of criteria are based upon a preference of an individual viewer.

12. The machine-readable medium of claim 8, wherein the annotation file further contains:

information related to the at least one desired portion of the multimedia presentation.

13. An apparatus comprising:

a memory;

a recorded program file stored within the memory, the recorded program file created from a multimedia presentation;

an annotation file stored within the memory, the annotation file specifying at least one desired portion of the multimedia presentation;

an annotation management software stored within the memory;

a processor to execute the annotation management software, execution of the annotation management software causing the recorded program file and the annotation file to be accessed such that a display device displays the at least one desired portion of the multimedia presentation.

14. The apparatus of claim 13, wherein the at least one desired portion of a multimedia presentation is determined by applying a predetermined set of criteria to the multimedia presentation.

15. The apparatus of claim 14, wherein the predetermined set of criteria is based upon a preference of an individual viewer.

16. The apparatus of claim 13, wherein the annotation file further contains:
information related to the at least one desired portion of the multimedia presentation.

17. The apparatus of claim 13, wherein the annotation file further contains:
information related to a portion of the multimedia presentation other than the at least one desired portion of the multimedia presentation.

18. A system comprising:
an editor to create an annotation file, the annotation file containing at least one pointer, the at least one pointer corresponding to at least one desired portion of a multimedia presentation;

a first transmission medium to transmit the multimedia presentation to a multimedia viewing system; and

a second transmission medium to transmit the annotation file to the multimedia viewing system such that the multimedia viewing system displays only the at least one desired portion of the multimedia presentation.

19. The system of claim 18, wherein the at least one desired portion of a multimedia presentation is determined by applying a predetermined set of criteria to the multimedia presentation.

20. The system of claim 18, wherein the annotation file further contains:
information related to the at least one desired portion of the multimedia presentation.